

HOUSE BILL 937

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AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 386 in Sumner County in honor of Korean War Veterans.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty, and support; and

WHEREAS, no group of veterans is more deserving of our recognition and approbation than our Korean veterans, who effectively halted the global spread of communism through their intrepid service in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS our brave Korean veterans unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge on State Route 386 (Vietnam Veterans Boulevard) in honor and commemoration of all those brave sons and daughters of Sumner County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety to serve in the Korean War, with many of them giving their lives, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the new bridge spanning U.S. Highway 31E (State Route 6) on State Route 386 (Vietnam Veterans Boulevard) in Sumner County is hereby designated the "Korean Veterans Memorial Bridge" in honor of the many brave Sumner Countians who served this great country in the Korean War.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Korean Veterans Memorial Bridge."

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.